THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Flood protection schemes are formulated, funded and executed by the State Governments from their plan resources. Central assistance is given to the State Plan on a whole and is not tied to any sector of activity or project. Central Government has set up an extensive flood forecasting network with 145 flood forecasting stations in the inter-State flood-prone-basins of the country.

New Welfare Schemes for Women

144. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new schemes proposed to be launched by Government for the welfare of women in the country during the current financial year;

(b) whether Government propose to make education free and compulsory for women; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Education is formulating a scheme for reimbursement of tuition fees for girls in classes IX to XII to the States and Union Territories beginning from the current financial year 1985-86. Education of girls upto class VIII is already free in most of the Government schools, local body and private (aided) schools in the country.

Assurance by DTC Chairman in Pushp Vihar Welfare Association regarding DTC routes

145. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Delhi Transport Corporation, in a meeting with the representative of the Pushp Vihar Sector III (Type II) Welfare Association on the 15th May, 1985 had assured that the D.T.C. will introduce two new routes between the Government Colony, Pushp Vihar, Sector III and New Delhi Railway Station and also Inter-State Bus Terminus and during the peak hours in the morning it will run two special trips on route No. 526 for the Kendriya Terminal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no action has so far been taken on these assurances; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not taking any action in the matter so far and by when the said assurances are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) On 15th May, 1985, a representative of the Association handed over a representation dated 22-3-1985, to the Chairman, D.T.C. However, neither any meeting with the representatives of the Association was held nor any assurance given.

(c) The Association in their representation has asked for introduction of two routes, one from Pushp Vihar Sector III to Central Secretariat and the other from Pushp Vihar Sector III to I.S.B.T. The matter has been examined by D.T.C. and it was found that Pushp Vihar Sector III is already connected with Central Sectt. by the services of routes No. 526 and

581 which are adequately serving the area. Similarly Pushp Vihar Sector III is connected by the services of Route No. 436 from where adequate changeover facilities for going to I.S.B.T. are available. In view of this, introduction of new routes was not considered justified at this stage.

Single Vaccine for T.B. and Leprosy

146. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research work is being undertaken by the Indian scientists on a single vaccine for T.B. and leprosy; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rail travel concession for deaf and dumb

147. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rail travel concession facility has also been extended to deaf and dumb people; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the number of people likely to be benefitted by this facility annually?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From 1st June, 1985, 50 per cent concession in first and second class fares has been extended to persons who are both totally deaf and dumb (*both afflictions together* in the same person). This facility can be had directly from the starting station on production of a requisite certificate from a Government doctor It is not possible to asses$_s$ the number of persons who will get benefit by this facility at this stage.

Per capita intake of Calories

148. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the per capita State-wise average daily intake of calories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The State-wise average daily intake of calories is as under:—

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Calories (Kcal)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2011
2	Bihar	1858
3	Gujarat	2306
4	Haryana	2420
5	Himachal Pradesh	2474
6	Jammu & Kashmir	1988
7	Karnataka	2711
8	Kerala	2203
9	Madhya Pradesh	2205
10	Maharashtra	2120
11	Orissa	2156
12	Punjab	2429
13	Rajasthan	1861
14	Sikkim	1805
15	Tamil Nadu	1964
16	Tripura	2122
17	Uttar Pradesh	2195
18	West Bengal	2477
19	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2060
20	Goa, Daman & Diu	2129

Source: Report of National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau, (NNMB), National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, Indian Council of Medical Research—1981-82— Report of Food and Nutrition Board—Diet Atlas of India, 1971.